

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing device for determining image rendering positions within an image of various objects constituting an image, and outputting to an image rendering means layout information including image rendering commands for rendering an object in a position of the object, comprising:

a function for placing an inquiry with said image rendering means as to whether a predetermined image rendering command is ~~usable or not; not executable by said image rendering means~~; and

a simulation function which, when said predetermined image rendering command is ~~not usable, not executable by said image rendering means~~, simulates image rendering corresponding to said predetermined image rendering command using an image rendering command that can ~~be used~~ be executed by said image rendering means, and outputs layout information including a simulation result.

2. (Previously Presented) The information processing device according to claim 1, wherein said simulation function simulates image rendering corresponding to said predetermined image rendering command using an image rendering command for at least one of a text object, an image object, a border object, and a background object.

3. (Previously Presented) The information processing device according to claim 1, comprising analysis means for analyzing a document described in a structured tag language, and extracting therefrom objects constituting an image.

4. (Previously Presented) The information processing device according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined image rendering command or object is an image rendering command or object relating to interactive input/output.

5. (Previously Presented) The information processing device according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined image rendering command or object is an image rendering command or object used in an image rendering of an input form.

6. (Previously Presented) An image rendering device comprising the information processing device according to claim 1, and image rendering means for rendering an image on the basis of said layout information, wherein

said image rendering means inform said information processing device of an image rendering command or object that can be used by said image rendering means in response to an inquiry from said information processing device.

7. (Currently Amended) An information processing device for determining image rendering positions within an image of various objects constituting an image, and outputting to an image rendering means layout information including said image rendering positions, comprising:

a function for placing an inquiry with said image rendering means as to whether a predetermined object ~~can be~~cannot be rendered ~~or not; by~~ said image rendering means; and

a simulation function which, when said predetermined object cannot be ~~rendered, rendered by~~ said image rendering means, simulates image rendering of said predetermined object using an object that can be rendered by said image rendering means, and outputs layout information including a simulation result.

8. (Previously Presented) The information processing device according to claim 7, wherein said simulation function simulates image rendering of said predetermined object using at least one of a text object, an image object, a border object, and a background object.

9. (Previously Presented) The information processing device according to claim 7, comprising analysis means for analyzing a document described in a structured tag language, and extracting therefrom objects constituting an image.

10. (Previously Presented) The information processing device according to claim 7, wherein said predetermined image rendering command or object is an image rendering command or object relating to interactive input/output.

11. (Previously Presented) The information processing device according to claim 7, wherein said predetermined image rendering command or object is an image rendering command or object used in an image rendering of an input form.

12. (Previously Presented) An image rendering device comprising the information processing device according to claim 7, and image rendering means for rendering an image on the basis of said layout information, wherein

said image rendering means inform said information processing device of an image rendering command or object that can be used by said image rendering means in response to an inquiry from said information processing device.

13. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for determining image rendering positions within an image of various objects constituting an image, and outputting layout information including image rendering commands for rendering an object in a position of the object, comprising steps of:

placing an inquiry with image rendering means, which serve as an output destination for the layout information, as to whether a predetermined image rendering command is usable or not; not executable by said image rendering means; and

when said predetermined image rendering command is not usable, not executable by said image rendering means, simulating image rendering corresponding to said predetermined image rendering command using an image rendering command that can be

~~usedexecuted~~ by said image rendering means, and outputting layout information including the simulation result.

14. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for determining image rendering positions within an image of various objects constituting an image, and outputting layout information including said image rendering positions, comprising steps of:

placing an inquiry with image rendering means, which serve as an output destination for the layout information, as to whether a predetermined object ~~can be~~ cannot be rendered ~~or not; by said image rendering means;~~ and

when said predetermined object cannot be ~~rendered, rendered by said image rendering means,~~ simulating image rendering of said predetermined object using an object that can be rendered by said image rendering means, and outputting layout information including a simulation result.

15. (Previously Presented) A computer readable storage medium storing a program, the program for causing a computer to execute the information processing method according to claim 13.

16. (Previously Presented) A computer readable storage medium storing a program, the program for causing a computer to execute the information processing method according to claim 14.